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1. The appointments of Carlos Arturo Aguirre as Secretary of Labor Syndicates for the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCO - Communist Party of Colombia) and of Jesus Villegas Palacio in the same capacity for the Partido Comunista Obrero (PCO - Communist Labor Party) has created speculation as to which one will be more likely to enlist the greater support of the organized workers, a factor of vital importance in the organization of communism in the country.
2. Aguirre, as an employee of the Controller General of the Republic of Colombia, is subject to very rigid working hours. This will restrict the time he has available for making direct personal contacts with the workers' syndicates; consequently, it has been predicted that his task will not prove very successful.
3. Villegas, who is also Secretary General of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (Confederation of Colombian Workers), is able to devote the greater part of his time to propaganda and personal relationships with the leaders of the various unions, to the greater advantage of the PCO.

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